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bumpers conforming in shape to said underlying laterally-placed first absorber element (16) and having a centrally-placed absorber system interposed between said bumper and said cross member.

4. (Amended) Protective structure for vehicles as in claim 2, characterised in that said underlying laterally-placed first absorber element (16) and said second absorber element (25) are made of materials deformation pressures of 5-30 N/mm2 which correspond[ing] to a crushing of 50%.

5. (Amended) Protective structure for vehicles as in claim 2, characterised in that said first underlying absorber element (16) and said second absorber element (25) comprise absorbing materials selected from the group consisting of extruded thermoplastic honeycomb, honeycomb made of aluminium, polyurethane foam, foamed polypropylene, rigid polyurethane, semi-rigid polyurethane and extruded polyurethane.

REMARKS

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5).

Reconsideration is requested.

A proposed Amendment to Figure 3A, as indicated by the red markings in the attached amended Figure 3A is attached to this amendment. The proposed revision includes reference character 25 as disclosed in page 8, line 9. Accordingly, the drawings are believed to comply with formal requirements.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner suggested guidelines for Applicant's use in arranging the specification. The Examiner is thanked for suggesting acceptable headings. Applicant has amended the specification by incorporating the suggested headings.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner